

## MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. J. T. Bowman, private secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and, being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Governor, which were read to the House:

Executive Office,

Austin, Texas, Aug. 9, 1911.

To the House of Representatives:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, received in the Governor's office on the fourth day of August, is herewith returned without executive approval.

I am in most hearty accord with any movement which will aid in the success of the great Panama Canal Exposition to be held in the city of San Francisco, Calif., in 1915, and there will be ample time between now and that date for the Legislature of Texas to substantially encourage and aid in the success of the Exposition. Efforts in this direction meet with my hearty approval, but our State Constitution, Article 4, Section 15, contains the following provision:

"Sec. 15. Every order, resolution or vote to which the concurrence of both Houses of the Legislature may be necessary, except on questions of adjournment, shall be presented to the Governor, and, before it shall take effect, shall be approved by him; or, being disapproved, shall be re-passed by both Houses; and all the rules, provisions and limitations shall apply thereto as prescribed in the last preceding section in the case of a bill."

From the foregoing, it is shown that a concurrent resolution is in the nature of legislation, and takes the course of a bill, the subject matter in House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 is not contained in the call for the present Special Session of the Legislature.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 is subject to like objections, and is returned herewith. The purpose of said resolution is commendable, and every endeavor is being used by myself, as well as others, to secure a visit from the Chief Executive of the United States, and I have a letter from his private secretary assuring me of his intention to visit Texas

in the near future, in which letter it is stated that the date of his visit will have to be arranged to suit his personal convenience.

Respectfully,  
O. B. COLQUITT,  
Governor of Texas.